

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

A pipe 40 is attached to sprinkler 18, such as at neck 32, to provide fluid communication between the pipe and the sprinkler. The pipe lies beneath cover 24 and extends to and through an opening 41 in side 42 of base 16. A conventional hose coupling 44 is at the terminal end of the pipe. The pipe generally lies above filling 26 and serves to hold the sprinkler in place. Holes 45 dispersed along the pipe permit water to seep into the filling in the base. The weight of the water absorbed by the filling increases the weight of the device and it becomes less likely to be moved by the wind. A water hose 20 (see Figure 1) or other water source is attached to coupling 44 to convey water to sprinkler 18 via pipe 40 and coupling 44.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Device 10 may include handles formed by further straps 60, 62 attached to base 16. A yet further strap 64 may be attached to the base to extend across pipe 40. It is to be noted that straps 50, 60, 62, 64 and strap segment 52 may be formed from a single strap. The free end of strap segment 52 forms a loop for partially encircling spool 46 and is held in place by a latch 66, as shown in Figures 2, 4 and 4A. When the device is used, latch member 23 is opened, to release the spool. The latch member includes an elongated turning knob 68, which may be inserted in an

elongated aperture 70 of a plate 72 attached to strap segment 52. Knob 68 is turned to engage the strap segment and retain the spool and turned again to permit disengagement and release of the spool.